

Business Operations and Technical Services (BOATS)

Question Set 3

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Q1. How many contracts will be required to be presented in the Past Performance Proposal (Volume II)?

A1. The number of contracts included in the Past Performance proposal volume depends on each company's response to the following requirement (included in the Draft Proposal Preparations – Specific Instructions provision). That is: "The Past Performance Proposal must include a list of relevant government and industry contracts, **each in excess of \$1,000,000 total contract value, received in the past five (5) years, or currently in negotiation, involving types of related effort.**"

Q2. Will you provide a listing of labor categories before the final RFP is presented?

A2. A listing of labor categories will be provided in the Final RFP.

Q3. Since this will be a FFP cost-type contract, will you require detailed schedules of indirect costs as part of the Cost Proposal?

A3. As stated in the posted Draft Proposal Preparations – Specific Instructions provision for this FFP IDIQ contract, "The offeror shall provide its proposed fully burdened hourly rates for each year of the period of performance, for each labor category listed in the Indefinite-Delivery-Indefinite-Quantity Pricing Schedule (IDIQPS) in Section J."

Q4. Is the audio and video equipment that is used for Multimedia and A/V support scope of work considered to be Government Furnished Equipment or does the contractor provide this equipment?

A4. The Government has equipment for the multimedia and A/V support available for contract use. However, the contractor can provide their own equipment.

Q5. Does the Service Contract Act apply to any portion of the contract?

A5. Yes, the Service Contract Act does apply to certain administrative, clerical, information, and audio/visual classifications needed to perform some SOW functions.

Q6. Will there be a Pre-solicitation Conference?

A6. A Pre-solicitation conference will not be held.

Q7. What is the approximate page count limitation for each Proposal Volume?

A7. The Final Request for Proposals will include a page limit for each of the required proposal volumes.

Q8. How many days will offerors be given to respond to the solicitation?

A8. At this time, and in accordance with FAR 5.203 (c), we anticipate that offerors will be given at least a 30-day response time for receipt of proposals from the date of issuance of a solicitation.

Q9. Section 3.3 of the Draft RFP states, "The contractor shall have a facility clearance level....."

Is the entity bidding on the contract required to have a facility clearance on day 1 of the contract period?

A9. It is essential for the contractor proposing on the contract to have a final facility clearance number by the date of the contract award.

Q10. What portions of the scope of work, if any, are performed by Union workers?

A10. No portions of the scope of work are anticipated to be performed by union workers under a Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Q11. What labor categories and how many FTEs, if any, are under the authority of a Collective Bargaining Agreement?

A11. There are currently no labor categories under a Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Q12. Will all the work be through Task Orders (no core or floor)?

A12. All requirements will be issued on task orders. The only minimum (or floor) will be the Minimum Indefinite-Delivery-Indefinite-Quantity (IDIQ) value that will be included in the solicitation and resulting contract.

Q13. Conflict of Interest Requirement: The SOW is remarkably broad. Which specific areas of the contract will be subject to the OCI clause, and will there be a provision allowing the contractor not to accept tasks that create unacceptable competition limitations?

A13. It is anticipated that the nature of the potential Organizational Conflict of Interest (OCI) will be similar to the current contract: "The Contractor may have access to sensitive or proprietary data of other companies located here at Ames Research Center, within the meaning of FAR 9.505-4." There is no way to predict which specific areas will have this potential issue. A provision for allowing contractors not to accept tasks will not be provided.

Q14. The section M Weighting and Scoring (M.3(c)) evaluation weighting statement is different from the Status Update letter (132866-Status Update-002-001) weighting description. Please clarify which is correct?

A14. In Section M.3(c): Management Approach, Technical Understanding, and Safety and Health are the three subfactors under Mission Suitability. The Status Update letter provides the priority of the three factors: Mission Suitability, Past

Performance, and Cost to allow the Government to choose a contractor which it believes will best meet the objectives of this contract.

Q15. Is it the Government's intent to have each "major subcontractor" respond to the management experience cited in Section L.A.2 through 4 even if they will have no role in BOATS contract management?

A15. Yes. In accordance the Past Performance section, "Information regarding relevant contract performance, contract management, corporate management responsiveness, and other information shall be supplied by the offeror and major subcontractors for its relevant contracts." This information pertains to a company's experience and past performance, not the management proposed for the current requirement.